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SUBJ: IRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE

REF: A. STATE 145643 B. TEHRAN 5510

1. FOLLOWING UP BRIEF CONVERSATION AT JULY 4 RECEPTION (REF B), POLCOUN DISCUSSED IRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR MIDEAST NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE WITH MFA UNDERSEC NADIM JULY 10. NADIM SAID IRANDEL CHIEF HOVEYDA HAD SPOKEN WITH UNSYG IN GENEVA ABOUT PROPOSAL AND THAT ALL GOI AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED. GOI HOPES THAT SOME OTHER MIDEAST COUNTRIES LIKE SYRIA, LEBANON AND TURKEY MIGHT CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION.

2. NADIM SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO UNGA TO DECIDE EXACT LIMITS OF PROPOSED ZONE, BUT IT SHOULD BE AS WIDESPREAD AS POSSIBLE. HE FAVORS DEFINITION OF ZONE WHICH WOULD ALLOW INCLUSION OF NORTH AFRICAN STATES IF THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN AN AFRICAN NUCLEAR-FREE RESOLUTION. ASKED WHETHER ANY REGIONAL STATE MIGHT OPPOSE NUCLEAR ZONE, NADIM REPLIED THAT WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF INDIA HE
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THOUGHT NO COUNTRY WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT, ALTHOUGH MANY WOULD HAVE

RESERVATIONS AND INSIST UPON ADDING ALL KINDS OF CONDITIONS AND ESCAPE CLAUSES. FOR THAT REASON NADIM IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT AN EFFECT NFZ RESOLUTION WILL BE APPROVED BY UNGA, ALTHOUGH SOME KIND OF VAGUE STATEMENT OF HOPE AND INTENT MIGHT BE.

3. POLCOUN GAVE NADIM TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF SPEECH BY US REP TO CCD (STATE 145643) OUTLINING US ATTITUDE TOWARD NFZ'S AND SETTING OUT FOUR CRITERIA WE THINK NFZ SHOULD MEET. NADIM THOUGHT CRITERIA WOULD BE USEFUL IN WORKING OUT EXACT WORDING OF RESOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOI HAS REVIVED ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR MIDEAST NFZ FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS IN WAKE OF INDIAN NUCLEAR BLAST, USG AGREEMENTS TO HELP EGYPT, ISRAEL AND IRAN DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER, AND RECENT ALLEGATIONS IN PRESS THAT IRAN WAS THINKING OF DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE NEITHER MFA NOR SHAH HAS ANY GREAT HOPE THAT ENFORCEABLE NFZ CAN BE AGREED UPON, THEY THINK IRANIAN SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION WILL REASSURE NEIGHBORS AND SERVE AS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION THAT IRAN IS PLAYING CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN REGIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS.
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